



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Finance

Date: June 18, 2012

To: Honorable Elizabeth Glidden, Chair Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee

Referral: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **Authorize up to \$60,000 of Minnesota Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security, formerly the Office of Energy Security, Grant for Solar Installations within the Energy Innovation Corridor to be used for a solar powered lighting on Metro Transit Bus Shelters in the EIC.**

Recommendation:

1. Authorize proper City officers to negotiate and execute documents with the Metro Transit for disbursement of up to \$60,000 in EIC grant funds for solar installations on bus shelters.

Previous Directives:

- August 6, 2010 – Acceptance of \$1.35 million grant from the Minnesota Department of Commerce for solar power installations on public buildings within the Energy Innovation Corridor.

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval NA Date

Civil Rights Approval Approval NA Date

Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval NA Date _____

Financial Impact

No financial impact.

Community Impact

City Goals: Eco-Focused.

Background/Supporting Information

The Minnesota Department of Commerce EIC grant for \$1.35 million was accepted by the City Council on August 6, 2010. The costs of the projects completed and scheduled using these funds are expected to total only \$1.24 million after rebates from Xcel Energy. The grant deadline is August 31, 2012. With the short time frame left, Metro Transit has agreed to install solar powered lighting in bus shelters along the EIC if the funds from the EIC grant can be used. The expected installed cost per shelter is \$4,000 - \$6,000. A total of 5 -10 shelters could be retrofitted with these "off the grid" lights.